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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application. Where claims have been amended and/or canceled, such amendments and/or cancellations are done without prejudice and/or waiver and/or disclaimer to the claimed and/or disclosed subject matter, and the applicant and/or assignee reserves the right to claim this subject matter and/or other disclosed subject matter in a continuing application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A safety cutting tool, comprising:
a sliding guide configured for placement on a user's forearm;
means for removeably attaching the sliding guide to the user's forearm; and
a blade support affixed to the sliding guide, the blade support including a blade member, the blade member including two or more opposing sharpened cutting edges facing one another, wherein the blade support and the sliding guide together define a blade support opening having an entrance height to establish a predetermined maximum size of an object that is capable of contacting the blade member.
2. (Withdrawn) A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein the sharp cutting edges comprise a "V"-shape.
3. Cancelled
4. (Withdrawn) A cutting tool as in claim 2 wherein the sharp cutting edges are serrated.
- 5-10. Cancelled
11. (Previously presented) A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein the sliding guide and the blade support constitute a single part.

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12-13 Cancelled

14. (Withdrawn) A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein the length of the sliding guide is from 10 centimeters to 15 centimeters.

15-18 Cancelled.

19. (Withdrawn) A cutting tool as in claim 1 wherein the entrance height is from 6 millimeters to less than 9 millimeters.

20-23. Cancelled

24. (Previously presented) A safety cutting tool for hands-free cutting of line, which can be safely worn on a user's forearm, having an at least partially concealed blade to prevent personal injury, the partially concealed blade configured for efficient line cutting in a single pass, the cutting tool comprising:

a sliding guide having a length, a long axis of symmetry, a front end, a top, and a bottom, wherein the top of the sliding guide is convex and the bottom of the sliding guide is concave, the sliding guide structured for placement on a user's forearm;

means for attaching the sliding guide to the user's forearm;

a blade support having an outward-extending tongue elevated by a vertical section, the outward-extending tongue and the vertical section being a single member together forming the blade support approximating a sideways L-shape, the blade support having an interior surface and a central plane; and

a blade member firmly affixed along the intersection of the interior surface and the central plane of the blade support, wherein the blade member includes two or more opposing cutting edges, wherein

the blade support is mounted on the sliding guide, the blade support and the sliding guide together define a blade support opening having an entrance height, the blade support opening to

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establish a maximum size of an object that is capable of contacting the blade member, and wherein

the blade member is planar having a sharp cutting edge arranged and mounted interiorly within the blade support so that the sharp cutting edge is exposed to the exterior of the blade support.

25. (Previously presented) A safety cutting tool as in claim 1, wherein the predetermined maximum size is 1 centimeter.

26. (Previously presented) A safety cutting tool as in claim 24, wherein the predetermined maximum size is 1 centimeter.

27. (Withdrawn) A safety cutting tool as in claim 1, wherein the blade support is affixed to a distal end of the sliding guide and on a top surface of the sliding guide, wherein the bottom surface of the sliding guide faces the user's forearm, and wherein the top surface of the sliding guide is exposed to be capable of receiving the object from a spacial region vertically above the sliding guide.

28. (Withdrawn) A safety cutting tool as in claim 27, wherein the object is capable of contacting the two or more opposing sharpened cutting edges by smoothly sliding across a portion of the top of the sliding guide

29. (Withdrawn) A safety cutting tool as in claim 1, wherein the two or more opposing sharpened cutting edges intersect one another adjacent an interior vertical portion of the blade support.

30. (Withdrawn) A safety cutting tool as in claim 29, wherein one of the two or more opposing sharpened cutting edges intersects a top surface of the sliding guide.

31. (Withdrawn) A safety cutting tool capable of severing string line in a single pass, the safety cutting tool comprising:

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a sliding guide to removeably attach to a forearm of a user; and
a hook-like cutting edge disposed at a distal end of said sliding guide; and
a blade support that protrudes from said sliding guide, wherein said blade support at least partially encloses said hook-like cutting edge.

32. (Withdrawn) A safety cutting tool as in claim 29, wherein said hook-like cutting edge comprises:

a pair of fixed blades, each blade having a cutting edge, wherein the blades are oriented so that each respective cutting edge is positioned in an opposed planer relationship to one another, and each respective cutting edge intersects the other respective cutting edge.

33. (New) A safety cutting tool as in claim 25, wherein the blade support is affixed to a distal end of the sliding guide and on a top surface of the sliding guide, wherein the bottom surface of the sliding guide faces the user's forearm, and wherein the top surface of the sliding guide is exposed to be capable of receiving the object from a spatial region vertically above the sliding guide.

34. (New) A safety cutting tool as in claim 33, wherein the object is capable of contacting the two or more opposing sharpened cutting edges by smoothly sliding across a portion of the top of the sliding guide

35. (New) A cutting tool as in claim 34 wherein the sharp cutting edges comprise a "V"-shape.

36. (New) A cutting tool as in claim 35 wherein the sharp cutting edges are serrated.

37. (New) A cutting tool as in claim 36 wherein the length of the sliding guide is from 10 centimeters to 15 centimeters.